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FROM CAPTAIN PETER HOG.

FORT DINWIDDIE 26th. June 1756

SIR/

Refering to mine of the 14th. Instant this Comes Express by Corporal Smith to Inform you that When I had Drawn up the Men on the parade to Acquiant them of the Arrival of their pay for 5 Mon: they all Exclaimed because their Cloathes were not Sent along with their pay; Saying they were Imposed on. & Cheated out of their 2d: per day: that the Sd: arrears of 2d: per day had run now almost 18 Months & for that time they had only Recd: one shirt a pr: of Stockgs: & a pr: of Shoes: notwithstanding they were promised 2 of Each Last Spring at Winchestr. by Sir Jno St Clair & the Adjutant, as well as Rollers for their neck: that they heard the Rest of the Companies had recd: their Cloaths & that 2 Companies from No Carolina had been lately Compleated with the Cloaths belonging to them: In Short after they were Dismist from the parade their discontent was so great, & Vented in Such Speeches, that the Officers came and advised me to Send off a Messenger Express to quite the Men: & Even the Sergt: came privately And Complained of their being Used Worse than the other Companies. & Neglected because of their distance from the Regt: I told them it was owing to the distraction that had been in Frederick County, and the Embargoe that had taken place at home which delayed the Arrival of the Shipping : however as I mentd: In both my Letters the tattered Condition of the Men Occasioned by the hard March & difficult paths on the Expedition It Surprises me you should overlook

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it. As the Opportunities are so Infrequent and the Conveyance of Letters so Indirect & Uncertain I could Wish you would be very particular In answering Every paragraph I was Informed by Majr. Lewis that the other Companies of the Regt: were to Garrison a Chain of Forts to be Erected from the Mouth of the So: Branch, along this River & so by Craigs Creek to Roanoke Now I should be glad to know Whether this Fort will be Continued In same Spott as I would Enlarge it this Summr. if it is to Remain Also if we are to Lay in our own provisions or if a Commy. is to be appointed to Act for the Whole as Beeff will be scarce, & some allready Begin to Buy up In order to Drive them away in the Fall. I Inclos'd Sergt: McCultys Accot: of Charges in going after the Deserters & Wrote to You his demand of a pistole reward besides : Which Last the Men think is all that can In Justice be Stopt from their Pay. Let me know how his Accot. is to be Satisfied. I also Inclosed pay Rolls & Recpts: for the Months of Decr: & Jany together with the Accot: of Debursements for the Comisy: the Whole in a Letter dated the 3rd: Feby advise if it Came to hand I Likewise at that time Sent my Recruiting Accot: to Capt: Stewart & Desired the Amot: to be paid to him being £2l—4—I have Enlisted two or 3 since and as the Company is not Compleat desire you would Send money for that purpose.

Inclosed is the Weekly Return the others were Sent in mine of the 14th: I have just taken up one David Currie a Young Fellow that Came out in a Compy. of Militia from Albemarle & stayed behind here to Evade being Draughted I shall Confine him untill he agrees to Enlist or have a return from you I am wt: Respect

Sir/ Your Very huml Servt. PETR: HOG P. S as the Bearer comes on publick Bussiness and such as I hope you will judge Necessary Expect you will allow of his Expenses. P: H: